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Gay literature at home in public library

CONTROVERSY While book giant Amazon.com mistakenly pulled more than 57,000 titles from their search engine on Sunday, many of them gay literature, the Calgary Public Library supports the alternative genre.

The titles were removed as "an embarrassing error" according to Amazon, but people in the gay and lesbian community were questioning why. Certain titles were available again by Monday.

The Calgary Public Library has a gay and lesbian section and hasn't had a problem with controversy.

"We have every subject known to mankind, including gay and lesbian and we treat them the same as any other," spokesperson Grant Kaiser said.

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Lisbon's hot,
lazy beaches



Ald. Druh Farrell is supporting a pilot project that would see the stretch along Memorial Drive from the Curling Club right up to 10th Street S.W. car-free on Sundays in August in support of pedestrians, but Ald. Ric McIver is against the notion.

Memorial playground: 'Ridiculous' or inspired?

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

Plans to turn a section of Memorial Drive into a pedestrian playground as part of a summer pilot project have a city alderman steaming.

Ald. Ric McIver said a scheme in the works to shut down the south lanes of the thoroughfare between 10 Street and 3 Street N.W. over four Sundays in August will breed commuter chaos.

"I can't think of anything more ridiculous — I hope the idea isn't to irritate Calgarians just because we can," he said. "I've heard about this hare-brained scheme in other municipalities and I prayed that madness like this wouldn't prevail in this city."

Beth Gignac, the city's manager of arts and culture, said cities around the world have embraced the idea of turning roads into pedestrian-friendly boulevards on slow days and nearby busi-

nesses and residents are eager to hit the street. "We're hoping people come out and take advantage of the opportunity to roll and stroll on Memorial Drive."

Gignac noted city traffic planners have said traffic flows on the normally jammed artery drop on Sundays in August so the impact on drivers, who will still be able to use the north lanes for two-way traffic, will be minimal.

Area Ald. Druh Farrell said Calgarians have been clam-

ouring for ways to maximize their walking and cycling options and this could be the start of a trend that expands to other roads. "... If we were closing down Memorial, that would be another story, but this is a way to expand..." she said.

Farrell, who will host a community meeting on the idea later this month, said there is already talk about expanding the weekend pedestrian promenade into Bridgeland and Chinatown if the pilot is successful.

Forty-six to get gender surgery funds: Tories

BUDGET Alberta's government will be funding gender reassignment surgeries for 46 people in the system, but those who are currently considering surgeries will have to pay out of their own pocket, confirmed Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

Stelmach's comments came within minutes after Health Minister Ron Liepert told the legislature 26 patients will get funding for the surgery and another 20 will be getting approvals for funding.

"There were tough decisions that had to be made," Liepert said in the legislature.

The government decided to cut the service from this year's budget, which could save the province roughly \$700,000 a year.

But several patients who were introduced in the chamber at the legislature yesterday have already vowed to file a complaint today with the province's human rights commission.

The Alberta Liberals say a legal challenge could leave Alberta taxpayers with a bill that costs the same as the cutback.

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Man pleads guilty to manslaughter in drug dealer's shooting

A man facing a first-degree murder charge in the death of a drug dealer in 2006 pleaded guilty in a Calgary court yesterday. Cody Williams Bates, 24, admitted he was involved in the shooting death of 31-year-old Ali Khamis. **METRO CALGARY**

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Get Warped this summer

Vans Warped Tour is roaring back into the city with a line-up that includes Alexisonfire, NOFX, Bad Religion and more. Tickets for the all-day event at Race City Motorsport Park on Aug. 12 go on sale this Friday at 10 a.m. at all Ticketmaster locations or by phone for \$34.50.

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Alberta must cut health spending, report cautions

FUNDING Alberta's health spending needs to be reined in or costs will outstrip the ability to pay for it, says a new report.

The study by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy suggests that at the current rate of spending, Albertans may see per-capita spending jump as high as 285 per cent by 2030, or about \$14,000 per resident.

Co-author Livio Di Matteo said the province needs to look at options to curb the trend now. That could include hiking taxes, slashing other government services or privatizing more areas of the system.

"Health care in general is politically painful," he said, noting Alberta's reliance on resource revenue is a major issue.

"If Alberta continues to increase spending at the rate of the last decade, it's going to become very expensive."

SHAWN LOGAN/
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Anger over chamber costs

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

Angst over pricey plans to make city council chambers more accessible to disabled users prompted a city committee yesterday to call for the list to be prioritized.

Aldermen on the city's land and asset strategy committee spent hours debating some \$2 million worth of proposed improvements for the chamber, which is used almost exclusively for bi-monthly council meetings.

Concerns were raised despite the funding's approval in last November's budget talks, leaving Ald. Brian Pincott asking why his colleagues are micro-managing something to which they've already agreed.

"There's a list of 15 things we wanted to do as part of a budget that has already been approved but certain members of council seem to want to micro-



Ald. Brian Pincott stands in front of the city's council chambers.

manage things," he said.

"This is something we need to pull out all the stops for."

But Ald. Andre Chabot said the plan seems to reach beyond what is required to make council chambers work for everybody.

He noted plans to spend

\$550,000 to raise the pit where city clerks sit instead of merely installing a ramp and outfitting all 14 council berths, as well as the mayor's, to accommodate the disabled for around \$400,000 make no sense.

Concerns were also raised about spending

\$100,000 to replace the existing beige carpeting with a colour that is more easily seen by those with impaired vision.

"We're going too far with this accessibility thing," Chabot said.

The priority list will return to committee next month.

News in brief

EDUCATION Mount Royal College has partnered with WorldSkills Calgary 2009 to provide work-term students to fill 21 different co-ordinator positions from 16 various degree programs. "It's great that WorldSkills found so many programs offered by MRC to fulfill their hiring needs," Martha Taylor, work experience co-ordinator said. "This is good news." Positions are not being posted with any other post-secondary institutions. The WorldSkills competition runs from Sept. 1 to 7, 2009, at Stampede Park.

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Local politicians aTwitter over latest networking site

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Twitter this and OMG! that — are social networking websites just a popular fad or do a growing number of tech-savvy politicians have it right.

Social networking sites

such as Facebook and more recently Twitter, have morphed politicians into the centre of the communication universe available at the click of a mouse. Or have they?

Mount Royal College political scientist Duane Bratt said while politicians at the municipal, provincial

and even federal levels are tweeting, it's what they are tweeting that really matters.

"I don't see the value in politicians twittering. I think it's something they do in session because they are bored," he said, pointing to when MLAs were scolded for twittering in

legislature session awhile back.

"I think it's just a fad, just a bunch of chatter," he said.

Bratt thinks the fad might come to an end.

Ald. Andre Chabot hasn't jumped on the Twitter bandwagon and in fact, he is taking himself off Face-

book, too.

"I just don't have time. I don't see the benefit in it, I'm already accessible and I always answer my phone and return calls," Chabot said, adding he has his own website linked to the City of Calgary site.

However, some politicians do find a political use

for Twitter, including Premier Ed Stelmach, who has a page followed by about 400 users.

Stelmach is becoming increasingly plugged-in, posting some of his own updates on speeches, trips he's taken overseas, and responses to heated provincial decisions.

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Protesters gathered in front of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce with signs directed towards Jason Kenney, minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism while he spoke inside at a luncheon.

Immigration minister under fire for comments

ALYSSA JULIE
for Metro Calgary

POLITICS The leader of the Alberta Federation of Labour challenged the minister of Citizenship and Immigration to a public debate after comments he made at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Alberta-born Minister Jason Kenney said foreign

workers aren't stealing Canadian jobs and that labour leader Gill McGowan's attacks on the federal government's foreign workers program are outdated.

"The minister's comments would be offensive if they weren't so laughable," McGowan responded.

He said AFL believes the program should be disbanded not because it takes jobs away from Canadians, but because it's inherently exploitative.

Foreign workers, McGowan argued, are often taken advantage of by employers who

force them to work unpaid overtime or refuse to pay them. He added that there are no enforcement mechanisms

in place to ensure workers aren't mistreated.

At yesterday's luncheon, however, Kenney said that although there are occasionally abusive situations, the federal government is working with provincial counterparts to ensure these cases are being dealt with timely and efficiently.

News in brief

TRAFFIC CRIME Calgary police have charged a 24-year-old man yesterday, almost six months after they allege his SUV struck and killed an elderly pedestrian in the city's southwest. Police charged Santino Di-Marzo with careless

driving, failing to yield to a pedestrian and failing to stop before entering a highway in the Nov. 21, 2008 incident on Sirocco Drive SW. Kathleen Harris, 84, died in hospital from her injuries.

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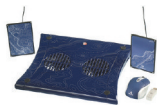


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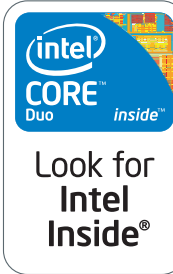
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Police in southwestern Ontario have released a video clip that may help identify a woman who led a missing Woodstock, Ont., girl away from her school six days ago. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Drug abuse hitting Prairie towns

The problems of injection drugs and used syringes are well-known in Saskatchewan's larger cities, but smaller northern communities are increasingly seeing them, officials say. Last year, after a drop box for needles was put in a park in La Ronge — a town of about 2,700 people — about 1,200 needles were collected. Workers in the town were also called to pick up a small number of syringes left on the ground last year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

PM says Ottawa ready to help with Red River floods

MANITOBA While Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew over an area of southern Manitoba threatened by the rising Red River yesterday, the province's flood forecasters predicted crests expected at the end of the week could be the second or third highest on record in some areas.

Forecasters said the crest just south of the Winnipeg floodway inlet would likely exceed 1979 levels by 15.25 centimetres, and that overland flooding was inundating roads and properties never flooded before.

After touring the Morris,



An aerial view of a house surrounded by water during spring flooding of the Red River near Morris, Man., yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper toured the flooding south of Winnipeg.

Man., area in a helicopter, Harper said that the government would help out in

any way it could.

"The federal government stands ready to assist in

any way that is needed ... as the situation unfolds," he said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Foreign spies target Canada

Commercial secrets valued: CSIS

Foreign nations have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate Canada and steal valuable industrial, military and commercial secrets, the Canadian spy agency says in its latest annual report.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) also expressed concern about foreign interference in the country's domestic affairs, given Canada's multicultural makeup and large immigrant communities.

The report for the year 2007-2008 was quietly posted on the agency's website earlier this month with no publicity. No one at the agency was immediately available for comment.

"Foreign espionage —

the primary preoccupation of intelligence agencies right up until the 1990s — continued unabated after (the) 9-11 (attacks on the United States). It is in fact growing and becoming even more sophisticated and aggressive through the application of new technologies," the report said.

Foreign spies are interested in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology, communications, oil exploitation, mining, aerospace and control systems engineering, it said.

CSIS also noted that Canada — as a member of NATO and the signatory to numerous defence agreements — had access to military technologies through its allies.

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As of April 1, 2009, law enforcement agencies across Alberta may issue speed violation tickets using data from Intersection Safety Device Technology. Speeding tickets can be issued at all phases of the traffic signal. These devices will also continue to be used for red-light violations.

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Bomb kills soldier, wounds 4

DEATH A young woman Canadian soldier was killed Monday in southern Afghanistan and four other soldiers

were wounded when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb, the military said yesterday.

Karine Blais, 21, was the second female soldier from Canada to die on active duty in Afghanistan. The first was killed in 2006.



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Casualties of war

Here are figures for foreign military deaths as a result of violence or accidents in Afghanistan since 2001:

- Canada: 117
- Britain: 152
- U.S.: 677
- France: 27

Canada has now lost 117 soldiers since first deploying troops to Afghanistan in late 2002. About 2,800 Canadian soldiers are based in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011. **REUTERS**

News in brief

POLITICS Politicians on Canada's Pacific Coast hit the campaign trail yesterday for the start of a provincial election that could decide the fate of North America's first comprehensive carbon tax. British Columbia is the first province to hold an election since Canada slid into recession, although polls indicate the governing Liberal Party is headed for another victory over the NDP when voters cast their ballots May 12. NDP Leader Carole James called on voters to punish Premier Gordon Campbell's Liberals for mishandling the economic downturn.

SMOKING People who smoke both tobacco and marijuana may have a particularly high risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), according to a new study. Cigarette smoking is a well-known risk factor for COPD, a group of lung diseases that includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The new study on smoking, which is published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, suggest that smoking cigarettes and marijuana may act "synergistically" to promote COPD.

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Why are police camera-shy?

TheWestView

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A policeman's lot is not a happy one. Gilbert and Sullivan got that right. On the one hand, we expect the thin blue security blanket will keep our streets and homes safe, and maybe that expectation is unrealistic, considering all

the sharks and other predators on the prowl these days.

On the other, we depend on police to model saint-like behaviour as they try to control crime, and whenever they go over the line or even come close to it, we all shriek in unison: "police brutality."

As often as not, they go to all that trouble to arrest and charge the bad guys, who just laugh because they know some soft judge will put them back on the street to prey and prey again.

But whatever happens,

we should be able to count on the boys and girls in blue to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Here in Vancouver, that's not a sure thing.

Exhibit A: A recent photograph of newspaper photographer Jason Payne which appears to show him held in an armlock by a Vancouver police officer who was trying, successfully it turned out, to seize his camera. Police said the officer thought the camera captured evidence of police officers shooting a man inside a stolen truck boxed in by police. To be clear: the

officer manhandled a citizen and journalist and confiscated his property, even though the photographer had broken no laws and the officer had no warrant and had not made an arrest. The officer simply took the law into his own hands.

Coming after a number of high-profile incidents of police in Vancouver, er, upholding the law with extreme prejudice, including an all too similar incident when police seized the cellphone of a man who captured a fatal police shooting on a downtown street, you have to wonder

what it is about a camera that brings out the worst in our city's finest.

Then, of course, there's the infamous Dziekanski incident, in which RCMP officers Tasered a confused Polish traveller for the crime of brandishing a stapler, then tried to confiscate the cellphone video evidence after the event. But it was too late. That video now stands as tragic witness to police allegedly abusing their power.

Apparently, police are having trouble deciding which threat to pursue, law breakers or picture takers.

Surely they know now that everyone over the age of four has a camera phone, it's useless to try to stamp out video evidence. As in the Jason Payne case, there's always a backup citizen journalist in the crowd. So the police might as well just do their best in the full light of day. Then they never have to worry about who's photographing whom.

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Word on the street: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace: Which do you prefer and why?

Kari Pedersen

age 18, Calgary

A: Facebook, because Twitter is really random and hard to understand. It's easier to connect with your friends on Facebook.

Jason Lammers

age 23, Calgary

A: Facebook, because it's easier to use. Myspace is more American, and Twitter is like a cheap Facebook with less applications.

Mike Beall

age 24, Ottawa

A: I don't have either. I prefer phone conversations.

Kris Haig-Brown

age 22, Toronto

A: None of them. I'm way too cool for that crap.

Sara Tchoryk

age 24, Montreal

A: I only use Facebook. I've never been on the other ones.

Vincent Goreham

age 24, Halifax

A: The only one I use is Facebook. I don't have a smartphone for Twitter. The only time I use Myspace is to check out bands.



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Sewing scam reaps riyals

Saudi police are investigating a hoax that had hundreds of people believing old sewing machines may bring fortune because they contained an elusive, and probably mythical, substance known as red mercury. Some buyers were willing to pay up to 200,000 riyals (\$65,000) for an old Singer sewing machine 'proven' to contain red mercury. **REUTERS**

Undeterred Somali pirates seize two ships

INDIAN OCEAN Somali pirates hijacked two more cargo vessels and opened fire on two others yesterday, showing a determination to keep striking at shipping vessels in the region.

The capture of the Greek-owned MV Irene E.M. and Togo-flagged MV Sea Horse showed pirates have not been deterred by two raids

in recent days in which U.S. and French forces killed five pirates.

Crews of pirates attacked the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia and the U.S. ship Liberty Sun with rockets and automatic weapons. Both ships were able to escape from their attackers, and no casualties were reported. **REUTERS**

French campaign targets forced marriage, mutilation

France launched a new campaign to warn potential victims of forced marriages and female genital mutilation yesterday, with stark posters and booklets showing a wedding ring made of barbed wire.

France is home to an estimated 55,000 victims of female genital mutilation, mostly of African origin, and some 70,000 young women who are at risk of being forced into marriage, government officials said at a news conference.

In a struggle to protect human rights while re-

specting immigrant communities, European governments have ramped up efforts to protect young women of Asian, Middle Eastern or African descent who are lured abroad and married off.

Victims of genital mutilation are often children of primary school age subjected to the ordeal during family holidays, activists said.

France plans to distribute more than 100,000 booklets providing legal and medical advice and contacts for victims, doc-

the clitoris and other parts of the vagina are removed.

"The booklets are useful for people who can read and write, but the majority of parents I talk to are illiterate," Khady Koita, head of the European network against female genital mutilation, told Reuters.

Koita uses videos and drawings to show parents the dangers of the operation, which is meant to ensure a woman's chastity and improve her chances of finding a husband. **REUTERS**

Saudi regulation

• Saudi Arabia plans to regulate but not abolish the marriages of young girls, its justice minister was quoted as saying yesterday, after a court refused to nullify the marriage of an 8-year-old to a man 50 years her senior.

tors, teachers and social workers.

A booklet with a crossed-out razor blade warned of the potentially lethal impact of genital mutilation, during which

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News in brief

MISSILE North Korea yesterday ordered the International Atomic Energy Agency out of the country and said it would resume making plutonium, the nuclear watchdog said.

THAILAND Anti-government protesters in Bangkok surrendered yesterday as arrest warrants were issued for the movement's figurehead, ex-prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, and 13 more leaders.

SUDAN A crowd of angry demonstrators burnt shops and cars in a local market in Khartoum, residents said yesterday, a day after nine Darfuri men were executed.

GEORGIA Russian cluster bombs killed at least 12 Georgian civilians and wounded at least 38 in the war between the two former Soviet states last August, Human Rights Watch said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Mexico Extraordinary seizure



Mexican police present weapons and ammunition and Anahi Beltran, 20, who was caught near the U.S. border allegedly guarding an extraordinary arsenal of weapons. **DANIEL AGUIAR/REUTERS**

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Migratory birds face longer flights due to climate change

Some European birds will have to fly further as global warming shifts their breeding grounds. It's their biggest challenge since the Ice Age. **REUTERS**

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Egypt ups security on Israeli border

Egypt is beefing up security on its border with Israel to prevent illegal crossings after detaining a group it said were linked to Hezbollah, an enemy of the Jewish state, security sources said yesterday.

Egypt is holding 25 Egyptian, Palestinian, Sudanese and Lebanese men linked to Lebanon's Shi'ite Hezbollah group and has said they were planning attacks in Egypt, according to a statement from the public prosecutor's office.

Hezbollah, which has accused Egypt of failing to help Palestinians in Gaza, claims one its members was detained and he was

More arrests?

• Security sources said police were combing Sinai in search of men wanted in connection with the detained group, focusing on the mountainous areas frequented by smugglers.

being helped by up to 10 others. Hezbollah said the group aimed to send military supplies to Gaza not target Egypt.

The arrests have been accompanied by a barrage of criticism of Hezbollah by newspapers in Egypt, which is majority Sunni and the first Arab state to sign a

peace treaty with Israel.

A lawyer for some of the men, Abdel Moniem Abdel Magsoud, said that one of his clients told investigators he had been involved in assisting Palestinians planning to infiltrate Israel to carry out attacks.

Egypt's Sinai Peninsula is a popular tourist destination for Israelis and Egyptian media have suggested the group aimed to target resorts frequented by Israelis.

Israeli newspapers said the Israeli army also planned to boost border security, but a military spokesman would not confirm this.

REUTERS

News in brief

TURKEY Turkish police arrested some 50 Kurdish politicians and activists yesterday on suspicion of ties to an outlawed separatist group, in the latest crackdown on the country's only legal Kurdish party. Police carried out 27 raids in nine cities nationwide.

MOSCOW Russian ecology official Oleg Mitvol, known for his high-profile attacks on Western resource companies, is leaving his job to run an environmental movement seeking representation on Russian city governments.

REUTERS

Cuba will not beg: Castro

HAVANA Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro complained yesterday that the U.S. had done nothing to end its trade embargo against Cuba and vowed that the communist-led island would not beg for it to be lifted.

Castro's words, published in a column in state-run media, were the first official Cuban response to measures announced by President Barack Obama on Monday lifting restrictions on Cuban American family travel and remittances to

Cuba.

"Not one word was said about the blockade (embargo), which is the most cruel of the (U.S.) measures (against Cuba)," Castro wrote of the Obama announcement.

He described the 47-year-old U.S. embargo against his country as a form of "genocide" that hurt Cuba's economy and caused death and suffering by denying medical equipment and drugs.

"(Cuba) will never extend its hands to beg," Castro added.

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Vale Inco begins work on nickel processing plant

Despite the global economic chill, mining giant Vale Inco is pushing ahead with a \$2.2-billion plan to build a nickel processing plant in southern Newfoundland. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Rescue is working: Obama

But U.S. data on falling retail sales cause stocks to drop

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday his economic measures were starting to work, but government data showed an unexpected 1.1 per cent drop in U.S. retail sales in March and U.S. stocks retreated sharply.

Goldman Sachs sold \$5 billion US of stock, a day after the bank sparked confidence by beating forecasts with its first-quarter profit, saying it wanted to pay back \$10 billion in government bailout money it does not need.

Bernanke hopeful

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the latest figures on housing and consumer spending suggest a rapid contraction in the economy could be easing.

But a source said the U.S. Treasury was worried Goldman's repayment could make other banks appear weak.

In Europe, disappointing earnings for Dutch electronics giant Philips added to evidence the recession was still taking its toll,

while Swiss bank UBS was set to cut more jobs.

Obama said moves to recapitalize banks, strengthen the housing market and rescue the auto sector were "necessary pieces of the recovery puzzle."

"And taken together, these actions are starting

to generate signs of economic progress," he said.

But White House economic adviser Christina Romer said the economy was still contracting.

"We know the economy's still sick," Romer told NBC television.

U.S. stocks were around two per cent lower as the poor numbers for retail sales and producer prices offset better-than-expected quarterly results from health-care group Johnson & Johnson.

REUTERS

Business in brief

TELECOM Telus Corp., Canada's No. 2 phone company, plans to spend more than \$700 million this year on building telecom

infrastructure in Alberta, the company said yesterday.

ENERGY Many power develop-

ers say a proposed green-energy purchase program in Ontario makes unrealistic assumptions about the cost of

financing projects and appears unlikely to stimulate much investment and job creation.

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Beckett suspended six games

Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended six games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Zeke gets another coaching gig

Former Toronto Raptors VP and New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas was hired by Florida International University yesterday to coach its men's basketball team. The Knicks finished 23-59 a year ago, prompting Thomas' firing. They never won a playoff game in his stay as president or coach, and his overall record in New York was 56-108.

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Islanders win draft lottery

NHL The New York Islanders won the NHL's draft lottery last night and will have the top selection in Montreal on June 26.

It appears they will choose between Canadian centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman, the two top-ranked prospects.

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NHL Draft lottery

Last night's results

1. New York Islanders
2. Tampa Bay Lightning
3. Colorado Avalanche
4. Atlanta Thrashers
5. Los Angeles Kings
6. Phoenix Coyotes
7. Toronto Maple Leafs
8. Dallas Stars
9. Ottawa Senators
10. Edmonton Oilers
11. Nashville Predators
12. Minnesota Wild
13. Buffalo Sabres
14. Florida Panthers

Wings aim to lift Detroit

The Detroit Red Wings will try to give Motor City spirits another boost when they launch the defence of their Stanley Cup crown tomorrow against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Red Wings' march to the Stanley Cup last year provided one of the few feel-good moments for the battered city and another championship parade would no doubt help lift the

Many pundits would argue that any hope of bringing the Stanley Cup back to Canada rests on the shoulders of Roberto Luongo.

STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

mood of Detroiters, who are at ground zero of an economic meltdown that has crippled the auto industry and sent unemployment soaring.



While the NHL set an overall attendance record for the fourth consecutive season with close to 21.5 million fans passing through the turnstiles, the Red Wings have felt the bite of the recession.

Even in the city known as Hockeytown U.S.A., sell-outs are no longer guaranteed and the champions are bracing for the possibility of empty seats at Joe Louis Arena as they bid to become the first team to win back-to-back Cups since the same Wings did it in 1997 and 1998.

A Stanley Cup run is something Red Wings fans have come to expect.

But it will be a new experience for first-round opponents

Draper hurt

- Detroit Red Wings forward Kris Draper will miss the first two games of the playoffs with an upper-body injury.

the Blue Jackets, who will be making their first playoff appearance since joining the league nine years ago.

In the last 40 years, only two teams have reached the Stanley Cup finals in their first trip to the post-season, and if the Blue Jackets are to join them it will largely depend on the play of brilliant rookie netminder Steve Mason, who led the league with 10 shutouts.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

BOXING Former boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya announced his retirement yesterday in Los Angeles. De La Hoya, a 10-time champion in six different weight classes, ends his brilliant career with a 39-6-0 record and 30 KOs. De La Hoya won titles in the super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight, light middleweight and middleweight divisions.

HOCKEY Joey Hishon scored twice as Canada earned a berth in the semifinal of the world under-18 hockey championship with a 4-2 victory over Sweden yesterday. Byron Froese and Brett Connolly also scored for the Canadians. The victory gave Canada (4-0) the top spot in Pool A, while the Swedes (3-1) finished in second place.

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Pest control not just for men

Some women may run away after spotting a mouse, but Sonal Hache, a pest specialist with Orkin PCO Services, doesn't bat an eye.

Pest control has long been considered a male-dominated industry, but more women like Sonal are entering the field and putting stereotypes to rest.

"People are surprised when I show up to take care of their pest problems," says Hache. "I assure them I can do the job just as well as a man, if not better, and I prove myself by getting up on ladders and into crawl spaces."

Hache, who has a bachelor's degree in science, participated in entomology research after graduation. After her research project ended in 2005, Hache

sought a career that fit her interests, and she has been in the pest management industry ever since.

"I love that I get to help people in this job, especially other women — though I have seen men afraid of rats as well," says Hache. "I'm able to calm customers down and show them how to prevent and solve the problem. They are so grateful, and that makes the job fulfilling."

Hache encourages other women to consider a career in pest management, having already trained three women in her district.

"I would absolutely encourage women to pursue a career in pest management," says Hache.

For more on careers in pest management, go to orkinacanada.com.

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Helping moms

Site focuses on personal styling

ALYSSA JULIE
for Metro Calgary

Two years ago Kim Flanagan started the website **Mommy Wear Daily**, which helped her launch a career as a personal stylist for new mothers.

"I help moms get back on track and figure out their style," says the mother of two. "Because if you're not dealing with your perfect body anymore, you feel like you've got nowhere to go."

Basically, she spends two hours rummaging through closets. Then, after shopping for a few special pieces within the client's budget, she brings the finds back to the house

and helps arrange a few key outfits.

The website, she says, is a style guide for new mothers and lets prospective clients know about her services.

Flanagan used to be a restaurateur, before moving to Calgary and starting work as a customer service manager at Holt Renfrew. She soon married and gave birth to a son, Quinn.

With a child to think of, she needed more flexibility than Holt Renfrew could offer. So, she started working one or two shifts a week at Kensington's Posh Mommy Boutique and operated Mommy Wear Daily at nights.

Using the site as a jump-off point, she delved in-

to personal styling soon after. It's a perfect fit for her lifestyle, she says, because it lets her control the amount she works and gives her plenty of free time to spend with her children, Kenna and Quinn.

She currently does closet interventions for two to three mothers a week, though business is good enough to do more, she says.

Flanagan's services cost \$250 for a basic consultation. She can be reached at kim@mommymyweardaily.com.



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Youth feeling the pinch: Study

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A five-month drop in employment has pushed Canada's unemployment rate to levels not seen since 2002, but the pace of job losses is showing signs of letting up, according to Statistics Canada's latest figures.

The labour force survey released by Statistics Canada on April 9 says the national unemployment rate rose to eight per cent in March, thanks to a loss of 357,000 jobs across Canada since October's employment peak. About 61,000 jobs were shed in March, a decline that was less severe than the losses of 129,000 and 83,000, respectively, seen in January and February.

Still, the 2.1 per cent decline in employment since October is the largest percentage drop over a five-month period since the recession of the early 1980s, despite a rise in part-time employment.

"We've seen a big turning point since October 2008," says Danielle Zietsma, senior analyst of the labour force survey at Statistics Canada. "From 12 months ago, there's been a trend in part-time (employment) going up, but even that started to slow in the latter part of the year."



Youth unemployment has declined by 2.6 percentage points.

Most of the losses were felt in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, which have shown the fastest decline in employment since October. Those three provinces were largely responsible for decreases in construction, which has been hit by the steepest decline of all industries since October with 7.9 per cent. But major losses in the construction and manufacturing sectors have been partly offset by gains in health care and social assistance. "If you work in a hospital, people get sick whether the economy is doing well or whether it's doing poorly," says Zietsma. "There are certain workers that are providing essential services that are needed regardless of how the economy is doing."

The concentration of job losses could help explain differences in employment losses between men and women, says Zietsma. Since October, core-aged men

(those aged 25 to 54) have shed 197,000 jobs — the largest five-month loss in 33 years — while women in the same demographic have shed 39,000 jobs.

"Men are more prominent in manufacturing and construction, so when employment falls there, it could be these core-aged men who tend to see more employment declines than the women," says Zietsma. "Women are more likely to work in areas like education and health care, and those are less cyclical."

Young people aged 15 to 24 have also felt the pinch. Their unemployment rate has declined by 2.6 percentage points since October to reach an 11-year high of 14.8 per cent. In fact, the only demographic group to show an employment increase since the slowdown began five months ago is women 55 and older, who have seen a 0.8 per cent increase in employment.

Small rewards

According to the ADP Time and Attendance poll, if employees work longer hours without compensation, 62 per cent will find ways to reward themselves on company time, including leaving early and taking sick days when they're not sick. **NEWS CANADA**

For the love of chocolate

Owner spent three years sampling beans before opening Inglewood shop

ALYSSA JULIE
for Metro Calgary

Four years ago, Brad Churchill discovered that most Canadian chocolatiers make confections from melted chocolate, rather than roasting and grinding their own cocoa beans.

"I felt kind of deceived," he recalled. "So, I decided to make my own chocolate." Choklat, his Inglewood-based shop, has been open since last August and is the only shop in Western Canada that roasts and

grinds its own beans, claims Churchill.

It's also one of four shops worldwide that make chocolate from Porcelana, a rare variety of Criollo cocoa commonly referred to as the "holy grail," he says.

Churchill spent three years sampling cocoa beans from plantations around the world before deciding on varieties from Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela. He buys directly from the grower, he says, to ensure the highest quality bean.

"The cocoa bean creates a drastic difference in the taste of the chocolate, just like



Choklat offers almost 250 varieties of buttercream-filled truffles, chocolate bars and baked goods.

wine," says Churchill, referring to how the taste of wine differs depending on the grape variety and location.

His shop offers almost 250 varieties of buttercream-filled truffles, dark and milk chocolate bars and a selection of baked goods.

Truffles are made without preservatives or additives, last 10 to 14 days and are made-to-order. That gives his company an edge over other chocolate shops, which offer a set

"The cocoa bean creates a drastic difference in the taste of the chocolate, just like wine."

Brad Churchill

number of truffles that sit four, five or six weeks at a time.

He also offers an evening seminar called Choklat Snobbery 101, where you can learn about the sordid history of the cocoa bean, taste Choklat's handmade chocolate and learn about perfect wine pairings for the sweet treat.

Still, despite the shop's popularity, Churchill says another Calgary location is not in the works. Another shop would cheapen the product, he says, and make his handmade chocolate feel less unique.

Churchill is, however, interested in opening artisan chocolate shops in other Canadian cities.

Tips for better business travel

It's no surprise that company cost cutting puts added pressure on business travellers. Here are some essential tips for the frugal, cost-conscious business traveller:

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iMiEV going global

After months of speculation, Mitsubishi Motors has announced that its pure electric, four-passenger iMiEV will be sold globally, including Canada and the U.S., Canadian Driver reports. The iMiEV will be on Canadian roads as early as November 2009 as part of a pilot project in British Columbia, according to Mitsubishi.

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Mazda6 a winner

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



Getting there, as they say, is half the fun.

On a recent family excursion to the Algonquin Park area for a few days vacation, I booked a 2009 Mazda6 GT V6 because it was a double standout last year.

It won its category (Best New Family Car, \$22,000-\$30,000) at the annual Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Car of the Year awards. Then it almost took the overall COTY title losing by one, single point to the Hyundai Genesis.

The 2009 model is easily the best-looking Mazda6 yet. It's also larger than the previous version in every di-



mension. Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm, while overall width is increased by 60 mm.

Both front and rear occupants benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, and legroom. Cargo capacity has grown by 39 litres to 469 litres. That 10 per cent increase in cargo volume results in a very high trunk deck.

The steering wheel has a

nice feel to it and the instruments, with amber and violet display hues, are easy on the eyes.

One of Mazda's prime objectives was to include "Zoom, Zoom" in the ride and handling. In other words, the 2009 Mazda6 had to have the "soul of a sports car."

What stuck out was the small turning circle, making steering and parking much easier than a lot of other front-drivers.

Across Rockies on a tank of gas

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada



Sure, it was an effective way to showcase a fuel-efficient vehicle and an eco-friendly blend of gas, but one big reason why four men drove two cars from Calgary to Vancouver on single tanks of gas was simply to stroke the male ego.

Last year, Halifax Volkswagen dealer Mike Velemirovich drove a Volkswagen TDI more than 1,100 kilometres from Halifax to Montreal to see his favourite hockey team play, the Canadiens.

This year, Calgary Volkswagen dealer Jerry Sturko challenged him to a repeat, but this time from Calgary to Vancouver to catch a Flames-Canucks game.

"I said to him, 'Well, (driving from Halifax to Mon-

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet."

James Tansey, one of the drivers

trepreneur) is not bad, I guess, but the real test would be to take these TDIs over the Rocky Mountains (from Calgary) to Vancouver," said Sturko.

"It kind of grew out of guys being guys, basically, into the idea of doing this on a scale to really test and showcase the vehicles," said James Tansey, one of the four drivers and presi-

dent of Offsetters, a Vancouver-based company that works to reduce climate impact.

Along with Vancouver Volkswagen dealer Jim Tompkins, a consultant and a videographer, the group — dressed in hockey and referee jerseys — met in Calgary and piled into two Volkswagen TDIs at 4:30 a.m. on April 7. Running on a blend of diesel and five per cent biodiesel, the two cars arrived in Vancouver 15 hours later — just in time to see the Canucks defeat the Flames.

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet," said Tansey, who also emphasized the importance of driving intelligently by not accelerating and breaking hard.

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Lisbon is one of the few European capitals that can boast excellent beaches only a 15-minute car ride away. Golden beaches stretch out either side of the River Tagus, the river that flows by Portugal's capital city before joining the sea.

During the day locals come to sunbathe in the dunes, stroll on the beach and lunch al fresco, and by night they let their hair down in the buzzing bars and discos. Now that smoking has been banned in restaurants and bars, Lisbon's party people have even more reason to spend their summer in these open-air playgrounds, with the sea as their backdrop. Here's our guide to the hottest beach bars on the Lisbon coast.

ON THE SOUTH BANK: COSTA DA CAPARICA

Delmare Café: Surf and fun

For the past three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places to hang out on the Costa da Caparica. During the day this restaurant and bar is a welcoming place for bathers and surfers from the café's surf school looking for a refreshing fruit juice or lunch of salad or fresh, grilled fish. The party moves to the beach in the evening, with DJs and live music late in-



For three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places on the Costa da Caparica.

to the night. Fridays and Saturdays are particularly crowded, with an influx of younger customers. (Praia Cabana do Pescador, Costa da Caparica, delmarecafe.com)

Borda D'Água: Juices, milkshakes and loungers

This is one of the hottest destinations on the Costa da Caparica — especially with the Lisbon residents who endure long lines of traffic to get there. Have a sandwich or salad for lunch on the terrace, or move onto their part of the beach where you can relax on a lounger with a caipirinha, morangosca, sangria, natural juices or milkshakes in the shade of a straw umbrella. Borda d'Água becomes especially charming in the early evening, when you can dine on fresh grilled fish as you watch the dazzling sun set into the sea. Enjoy the cool tunes and a drink while you're cradled by the warm breeze. (Praia Morena — Costa da Caparica, bordadagua.com.pt)

ON THE NORTH BANK: CASCAIS

Bar do Guincho: Windsurf and sangria

Open all year long, the Bar do Guincho is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. Guincho beach is a "sanctuary" for windsurf and surf lovers, with refreshing but angry waves from March to October, and the best conditions for windsurfing in July and August. Bar do Guincho is a haven for surfers with a shop, lockers and a large terrace for drinks, dinner and parties with DJs and live music. Sandwiches and toasts are a must, as are the salads and shellfish dishes. Try the house cocktail "Bar do Guincho," with Baileys and Coconut Shake, the caipirinhas and the white and the green wines. (Guincho-Cascais, bardoguinho.pt)

Bafureira: Sushi and caipirinhas

This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril is famous for its

caipirinhas, morangostas and mojitos. You can also enjoy a late dinner of delicious tapas and grilled fish and shellfish dishes or Japanese food at Sushinalinha, as their kitchens are open until 2 a.m.

A fabulous setting for a glass of local wine in the late afternoon with a view over Cascais Bay, the Bafureira has terraces on two floors with wooden chairs and tables, and chaise-longues with extra-comfortable ergonomic mattresses. It is a good spot for thirtysomethings and is easy to get by train, from Lisbon. (Praia da Bafureira, S. Pedro do Estoril. bafureira.net)



Bar do Guincho, open all year long, is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. LEFT: This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril, is famous for its late-night dinners of delicious tapas and grilled fish — the kitchen's open until 2 a.m.

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Feats for the fierce and fearless

These adventures are guaranteed to test your limits ... and your bladder control

TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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If you're an adrenaline junkie looking for heart-stopping, jaw-dropping thrills and spills, check out these daring activities offered around the world:

Zambezi Swing

The Zambezi Swing, in the quaint town of Living-

stone, Zambia, offers up an extreme activity similar to bungee jumping. Adventurers are outfitted in gear, secured to a wire and led to a platform from which they free fall 50 metres — and then finish with a pendulum swing at 120 kilometres per hour across the Batoka Gorge.

Zambia is one of the only places in the world that offers a gorge swing experience. It's perfect for adventure seekers keen on testing their nerves and bladder control. Visit thezambeziwing.com.

Mono-bob

At the ski resort of La

Plagne, located opposite the Mont-Blanc and Beaufortain ranges in France, visitors can experience the mono-bob, a single-seater, self-steering bobsled. This "sports car of the ice" can reach up to speeds over 90 kilometres per hour, weaving downhill along an outdoor track with sharp turns. Visit la-plagne.com for more information.

Zero Gravity

Incredible Adventures, a company offering specialized tours, offers wannabe astronauts the chance to experience the sensation of space travel. Just head to the tour's home base at Florida's Kennedy Space Center, hop aboard a NASA-approved Boeing 727 and enjoy the feeling of weightlessness as the pilots go through a series of manoeuvres that counter the forces of gravity. You'll flip and float through the cabin, just like the real deal. The two hour program is \$5,197 US per person. Check out incredible-

adventures.com.

Macau Tower jump

Those who are brave enough to take on the world's highest bungee jump should head to Macau, a casino-clad city just a short trip from Hong Kong.

From the 61st floor of the Macau Tower platform, jumpers will plummet 233 metres towards the earth at 200 kilometres per hour in a wicked, gut-wrenching free fall. This operation is owned by A.J. Hackett, dubbed the "father of bungee jumping," who manages adrenaline-based activities all over the world. See macau-world.com.

Zorbing

Rotorua, the adventure capital of New Zealand's North Island, is a dream for adventure seekers. Along with other activities, local companies offer a unique phenomenon called Zorbing. Originating in New Zealand in the 1990s, Zorbing has people



Jumping off the Zambezi Swing in Livingstone, Zambia.

strapped into enormous clear plastic balls, rolling down a grass-covered slope at speeds of up to 30 kilometres per hour. For around \$50, you can tumble downhill and under-

stand what it must feel like to be a loose sock trapped in a washing machine. See zorbing.co.nz.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.



Julia Dimon preparing to jump off the Macau Tower.



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Spas: Health before beauty

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada



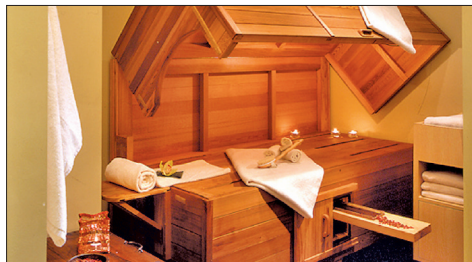
Don't even bother to use the words "luxury" and "pampering" around spas these days. The new mantra is "health and wellness."

At the Leading Spas of Canada Conference held earlier this month in Toronto, Susie Ellis, president of Spa Finder Inc., confirmed it — increasing stress is one of the macro trends fuelling the spa industry.

With health and wellness at the forefront, it makes good sense that an increasing number of mainstream spas are offering not-so-mainstream therapies mixed in with massages, facials and mani/pedis. Here's a sampling of what you'll find at four Canadian spas:

EYE SPY

Along with reflexology, Reiki, Thai stem massage, acupuncture and an ion cleanse, the Wind-in-the-



The Swedana cedar steam cabinet at Vida Spa, Fairmont Chateau Whistler. The heat can get rather intense cocooned in here.

Willows Spa at the Wig-a-Mog Inn in Haliburton, Ont., is one of a very few Canadian spas to offer iridology as a treatment. Dating back to the early 1800s, the practice of iridology is based on the belief that the iris can be scientifically read to "reflect" both the health and inherent weaknesses of the various parts, organs and systems of the body. It's an easy painless diagnostic session that feels more like an eye exam than a spa treatment, and it's a perfect example of how such wellness tools are moving into the spa environment;

haliburtonspa.com.

GOOD VIBRATIONS

At Holtz Spa, in downtown Ottawa, the newest offering is an 80-minute treatment called Spirit of the Forest — A Vibrational Healing Experience. It includes a one-on-one health assessment, a small drink of a selected tree essence dissolved in water (it tastes like a very mild, floral-flavoured tea), a full brushing of the skin, a light massage with oils combined with essence of trees, and therapist-guided energy

work to help with the release of whatever negative energies are blocking or resisting the healing process. You can also expect the treatment to trigger a little emotional detox. While vibrational healing may seem a little out there, it is scientifically based, linked to homeopathy and has been used in healing practices by various cultures for centuries; holtzspa.com.

DOSHA DRIVEN

At Vida Spa at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler the signature Ayurvedic Swedana begins with a personal dosha analysis — using the three Ayurvedic principles known as Vata, Pitta or Kapha to determine your mind-body state — so the treatment can be customized. There's a massage with selected Ayurvedic oils, then a system cleansing (with the dosha-driven appropriate herbs) in a cedar steam cabinet. Cocooned in the steam cabinet, the heat can get rather intense, but

the therapist remains with you to apply cold cloths to the forehead and offer sips of water to help keep the body hydrated. Once out of the cabinet, the body is sprinkled with flour to soak up the oils, sweat and

toxins. A dry brushing and a shower follows. The 5,000-year-old lifestyle science of Ayurveda is all about balancing the systems of the body for maximum health; vidawellness.com.

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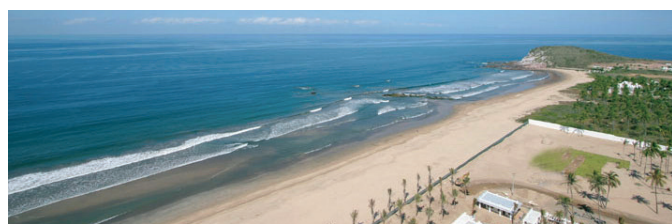
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Mark Wahlberg and James Franco have just signed on to a new film and they join an impressive group of co-stars. They have been cast in the comedy Date Night, which stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a married couple, Variety reports. **MSN.COM**

Entertainment

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Family Gal

Lauren Conrad has landed a new role — as the girlfriend of a dog on the hit animated comedy Family Guy. Conrad plays herself in the episode, in which she dates family dog Brian. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Films break the news

JON TATTRE
for Metro Canada

As newsrooms slowly die across the country, one journalist is hunting for the killer. Well, a killer. In Russell Crowe's new movie, *State of Play*, he stars as a grizzled hack dodging bullets to track down a murderer, rekindling our love affair with silver screen ink slingers in the process.

Anne McNeilly, assistant professor of journalism at Ryerson University, thinks movies set in newsrooms are so popular because the work itself is exhilarating. "As soon as news happens anywhere, you know about it first. 9/11, how exciting was that? A hostage taking downtown, you know about it in a second. It's a buzz."

All the news that's fit to film

Looking to investigate the journalism-on-film genre a little more closely? Here are Metro's suggestions:

- Shattered Glass
- The Killing Fields
- The Paper
- All the President's Men
- Broadcast News
- The Insider
- Absence of Malice
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Salvador
- Wag the Dog
- Blood Diamonds
- Capote
- Citizen Kane
- The China Syndrome
- The Year of Living Dangerously

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McNeilly started in small papers before working 25 years for the *Globe & Mail* and *Ottawa Citizen*. It was movies like *All the President's Men* that drew her to newspapers.

"Journalists get hooked on that adrenaline rush, because it's like a drug. You get so addicted you can't leave the biz," she explains. That excitement translates

to the viewer.

"I love movies about newsrooms," she says, citing *His Girl Friday* and *Deadline USA* as favourites.

"What's so unnerving (at Ryerson) is that lots of the students now have never heard of Woodward and Bernstein. They don't even know what Watergate is," she says. "They brought down a president! What's a

Movie feature

bigger story than that?"

While her students retain some of the idealism of previous generations, they are already jaded and prefer a different kind of fictional news hound. "They like Jon Stewart or Rick Mercer. Some of them think what they are doing is journalism."

Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist, cites *All the President's Men* and another Crowe movie, *The Insider*, as great examples of the genre.

"The reporters in these films act as surrogates for the viewer. They ask the questions the viewer would ask," he explains. "You've got newspapers who are bringing down big, evil corporations or taking on city



Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams star in *State of Play*, a political thriller about a rising politician and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated murders.

hall and winning. It really appeals to people."

Crouse highlights Billy Wilder's 1951 movie *Ace in the Hole* as a newsroom flick that got too close to the truth. Kirk Douglas plays an out-of-luck journalist who risks lives to stretch a news story that

could save his career in Wilder's follow up to *Sunset Boulevard*.

"It's a terrific movie, but it bombed really badly," he says. "Movie historians think the journalists who were reviewing the film were so offended by it that they trashed it."

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Fong emerges a winner

Designer admits early struggles on Project Runway Canada

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

With consistency, creativity and skill, Toronto designer Sunny Fong followed his instincts to emerge victorious on last night's Project Runway Canada finale.

Fong's win came as little surprise to viewers or his competitors as the 32-year-old designer had racked up the most challenge wins and garnered frequent praise from the judges throughout the competition.

Despite his talent, Fong says he struggled early on to find confidence in his work.

"My biggest challenge initially was believing in what I did. I had to get over that first, after that I learned to trust my own instincts," Fong said.

In the early stages of the competition, Fong figured he would stick to simple designs to stay under the radar as much as possible,



Project Runway Canada winner Sunny Fong.

but quickly shifted his strategy when he realized the judges meant business.

"I went in thinking I'm going to do my best but be very safe. A few episodes in, I realized safe wasn't going to be good enough," Fong said.

"A few episodes in, I realized safe wasn't going to be good enough."

Sunny Fong, designer

While the time constraints to produce garments on the show were extreme, Fong says he thinks the challenge really brought the best out of designers.

"Working under pressure is sort of my thing. The whole rushed, mad dash to get everything done is always the case with fashion. I think it really shows who is confident and ready to win," Fong said.

Fong started his own clothing line, named Vawk, in 2003 but closed it after just two years because he ran out of money. Before winning he had said if he didn't win he would probably give up on fashion forever.

Now with his win of

\$100,000 and a retail mentorship at Winners, Fong hopes to use all the experience he has gained from Project Runway Canada to restart his brand and keep it afloat this time around.

"I'm hoping to get my line really stable and make sure it doesn't shut down again. I don't want to rush it," he said.

He has no secrets as to how he finds inspiration, although he says he gets plenty of ideas from hanging around the house.

"I get inspired from the things I see. Home decorating and interior design really inspires me because it's a lifestyle," Fong said.

During the competition, Fong had said the one thing he hoped for more than winning was to hear his mother say she was proud of him. He got his wish just before his final collection got revealed at Toronto's LG Fashion Week.

"She told me that before I even won. It was a great feeling," he said.

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The Jon Dore Television Show

Just say no, kids, and don't try this at home. Actually, kids should just say no to this show altogether; between the subject matter and the language, it's definitely adult fare. In the season finale, after helping the police bust a pot smoker and then learning his neighbor uses marijuana for medicinal purposes, Jon is confused about drugs, why some are illegal and some aren't. He decides to educate himself by trying them. All of them. At once. 11 PM on COM



Gary Unmarried

There has to be more than one restaurant in this town. When Vanessa (Jaime King) complains that she and Gary (Jay Mohr) haven't had much quality time, and Allison (Paula Marshall) seems to be a constant presence, he takes her out to dinner. Then he realizes they're at the same restaurant he and Allison used to go to regularly ... and guess who just showed up. Ed Begley Jr. also stars in "Gary and Allison's Restaurant." 9:30 PM on KREM

Heartbreakers turned into movie

FILM Popular young adult novel The Heartbreakers is being turned into a movie called Rules of Dating for Teenage Girls. United Artists has acquired rights to the material and will develop the feature. Rules of Dating centers on four friends and their on-again, off-again dalliances with boys.

Tudors final season

TV Next year, Showtime's The Tudors will run out of wives. The network has renewed the historical melodrama starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers for a fourth and final season. The pick-up consists of 10 episodes that Showtime says will dramatize King Henry VI's last two tumultuous marriages.

REUTERS

Kenya'sStyle



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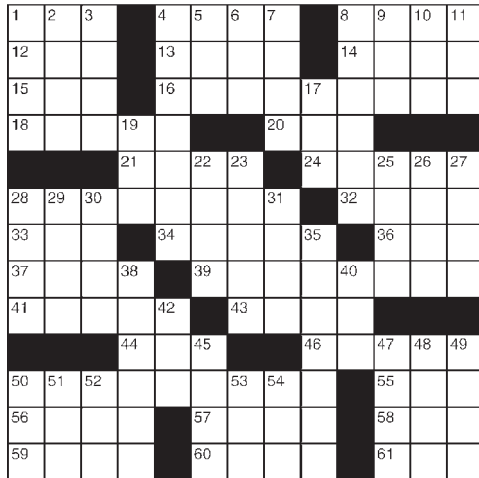
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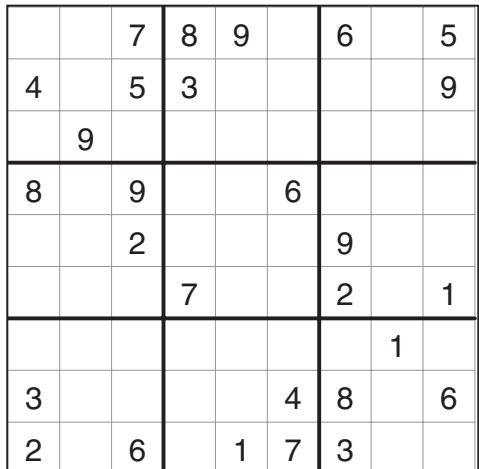
WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Crossword across

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Bookkeeper (Abbr.) | 36 Zero |
| 4 Harvest | 37 "Zounds!" |
| 8 "The Amazing —" | 39 Pretend to be |
| 12 Clumsy sort | 41 Decorator's theme |
| 13 Beige | 43 Ice cream holder |
| 14 Vivacity | 44 Jungfrau, for one |
| 15 "CSI" evidence | 46 Dutch cheese |
| 16 Claim | 50 Specify as a condition |
| 18 Match | 55 Rep. or Dem. |
| 20 Attempt | 56 Aching |
| 21 Church service | 57 Bread spread |
| 24 Famous | 58 Choose |
| 28 Count | 59 Sport |
| 32 Unclothed | 60 Hammerhead part |
| 33 Before | 61 Ultramodernist |
| 34 Berate | |

Crossword down

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| 1 Last few notes | vessel | Buscaglia |
| 2 Hunger symptom | 19 Ostrich's kin | 42 Winter ailment |
| 3 Somewhere out there | 22 Anatomical | 45 Sit down heavily |
| 4 Undoes an amendment | pouches | 47 "Once — a time" |
| 5 Green, in a sense | 23 Unemotional | 48 Nitwit |
| 6 Esses' precursors | 25 Albacore, e.g. | 49 Choir member |
| 7 Short shot | 26 Tend texts | 50 Away from NNE |
| 8 Trust | 27 Drop a line? | 51 Pirouette pivot |
| 9 Carte lead-in | 28 Abound | 52 Savings-plan acronym |
| 10 Tabby | 29 Jason's ship | 53 Hearty quaff |
| 11 Chemical suffix | 30 Tempo | 54 Placekicker's prop |
| 17 Coffee shop | 31 Ticklish | |
| | Muppet | |
| | 35 Castle's jail cell | |
| | 38 Nappy | |
| | 40 Writer | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min Smart
Under 13 min Genius	21-25 min Not bad
13-17 min Scholar	25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Steak and Onions

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 5 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) oregano
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed boneless beef top round, cut about 2 in. (5 cm) thick
- 1 tsp (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper

METHOD:

- Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and sugar, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions begin to brown, 20 minutes.

- Add vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) oregano, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt, and black pepper. Cook until onions are wilted and glazed, 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Rub beef with remaining 1/4 tsp (1 ml) oregano, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Broil beef 4 in. (10 cm) from heat until medium, 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A blockade leads to victory. Be alert when politics are an eye-opener. Diligence will help you avoid offensive remarks.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Uncertainty about income makes you work harder. Hang around with unconventional people. Refuse to put a damper on love.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Grim people are causing irritation. Greater damage is done by work issues. Try on a new role as a "mover and shaker."

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

A colleague saves you from anxiety. Fresh theories about a cherished venture won't alter reality. A man is anxiously waiting for strength to return.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

A stranger's motives are ambiguous. An authority figure has no time to focus. A non-stop talker is finally silenced by common sense.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

A catastrophic conversation has a friend in turmoil. Get smart and build your field of dreams. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

A kind woman makes sure you're happy. Irrational anger continues to vex. A love story must be shared.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Take statements about opportunities with a grain of salt. Let others be responsible for making corrections. A petty tyrant is moody.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Explain your haste to avoid hurt feelings. Internet contacts expose a weakness in a plan. Plumbing problems become amusing.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Friends make you consider a change. A down-to-earth woman has a health issue. A visitor anticipates a good decision.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Your hands may be tied by someone's exhaustion. Be honest when discussing a crisis. A self-righteous friend disputes a duty.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

A shocking event makes you unsure about your next step. Get support by flushing out feelings of inadequacy. Prepare for dramatic events.

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Looks like Kanye West gets to wait a bit longer before facing the music over a dust-up with paparazzi at a Los Angeles airport last year. His arraignment, which was scheduled for today, has been pushed back to May 20, according to media reports. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Kanye's court date delayed

Celebrity Buzz

Mel in for a monster divorce?

yes!

Who's Miley?: Jamie

PEOPLE Actor Jamie Foxx had some choice words for Miley Cyrus on his weekend Sirius radio show *The Foxxhole*, *people.com* reports. When the on-air conversation veered toward the 16-year-old pop star, Foxx, 41, asked: "Who is Miley Cyrus?"

As someone explained Cyrus is the star of the popular *Hannah Montana* franchise, Foxx quipped, "The one with all the gums? She's got to get a gum transplant!"

That's not the only piece of advice the Oscar winner handed down to the Disney powerhouse. Foxx also suggested that Cyrus "make a sex tape and grow up. Get

like Britney Spears and do some heroin. Do like Lindsay Lohan ... and get some crack in your pipe ... That's what I want."

A rep for Foxx had no comment and a rep for Cyrus did not respond to requests for comment.

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DIVORCE Mel Gibson may soon be writing one of the biggest checks of his life — to his wife, female-first.co.uk reports.

With no indication that the estranged couple — who married 28 years ago — had a pre-nup, Robyn Gibson, 53, is legally entitled in their divorce to half of everything the actor-director-producer earned from their marriage in 1980 to the date of their legal separation: A fortune estimated at close to \$1 billion US.

"This

could easily be one of the biggest divorce settlements in Hollywood history," says Los Angeles family lawyer Lynn Soodik, who's not involved with the case. "Any attorney would advise her to take half."

A \$500-million settlement would dwarf the current record holders of celebrity divorce: Michael Jordan ponied up \$168 million following his 2006 divorce with wife Juanita; Neil Diamond forked over \$150 million after his 1994 split with Marcia Murphey; Steven Spielberg shelled out \$100

million following his 1989 divorce from Amy Irving.

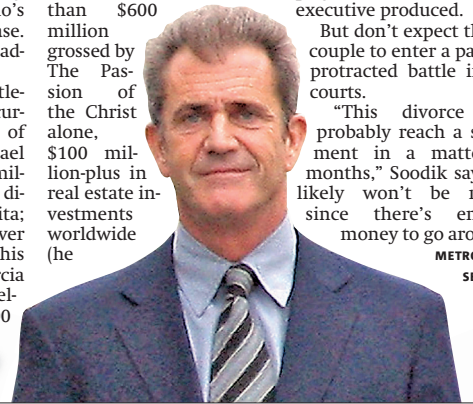
Among Gibson's estimated assets: More than \$600 million grossed by *The Passion of the Christ* alone, \$100 million-plus in real estate investments worldwide (he

bought an island in Fiji for \$15 million in 2004), and \$75 million for film and TV projects for which Gibson executive produced.

But don't expect the ex-couple to enter a painful, protracted battle in the courts.

"This divorce will probably reach a settlement in a matter of months," Soodik says. "It likely won't be messy since there's enough money to go around."

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Spelling mom reaches out

FAMILY One day before *Tori Spelling's* new book *Mommywood*, hits store shelves, her mother Candy is making an emotional plea to connect via an open letter on her website, *candyspelling.com*, *msn.com* reports.

The wife of late producer Aaron Spelling has said that daughter *Tori*, 35, has cut her off from seeing her

two grandchildren *Liam* and *Stella*.

Candy, who released her own book last month, *Stories from Candyland*, writes: "I want to see you and your family — in private, like the 'normal family' you say (you) al-



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ways wanted. "With your book coming out ... the war of words will escalate. That's not what I want. I want us to be a family," she added. "Well, I'm stepping up. Call me, write me, text me."

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I was too peach, not pregnant: Mimi



PEOPLE Mariah Carey insists she is not pregnant: She was just wearing a bad outfit,

usmagazine.com reports. On Easter Sunday, Carey was photographed in a tight, peach dress with husband Nick Cannon. Blogs soon began speculating that she was pregnant. "I don't know what was worse, the bleak angles and bright peach dress ... or the b.s. commentary/blogs," she

says (via Twitter).

Although "Nick looked cute" in the photos, she says she "couldn't definitely lived without" seeing the pictures. (She also admits that her "dress and hair" were not suitable for the "red carpet.")

Her rep also shot down pregnancy rumours. Asked about media reports that

she and Cannon spent Easter Sunday at a fertility clinic, her rep tells *Us*: "No, not true. Nick and Mariah spent Easter Sunday with family in

southern California."

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can they feel my presence even when I'm far away?

Priestley kid No. 2 on the way

Actor Jason Priestley and his makeup artist wife Naomi Lowde are expecting their second child, his publicist told usmagazine.com. He and Lowde, who was sporting what looked like a baby bump, were spotted shopping over the weekend. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

New girl for Chris?

RUMOUR Chris Brown doesn't have a new girlfriend, usmagazine.com reports.

The 19-year-old singer was spotted Saturday with Girlicious singer Natalie Mejia (and another man) at West Hollywood's Tattoo Mania, where Brown has been inked before.

"Things are going well between us..." Mejia, 20, coyly told radaronline.com. "(Brown) has treated me like a gentleman at all times."

But reports that Mejia is Chris's new girlfriend are false, his rep tells Us Magazine.

"Chris left the recording studio with a songwriter named Dean. Natalie was with Dean. They went to a tattoo parlor ... Chris is not dating, nor is Natalie Chris's girlfriend."

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Lindsay copes post-breakup

BREAKUP Lindsay Lohan has celebrated her split from DJ lover Samantha Ronson with a new tattoo. The actress has had a famous line uttered by tragic Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe inked on her wrist, female-first.co.uk reports.

The phrase "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle" is surrounded by yellow, blue and green stars.

Lohan has been a long-time fan of the movie great — she recreated Monroe's famous nude 1962 photo shoot for New York magazine last year.

Lohan may

have had her share of problems, but she hasn't lost the ability to laugh at herself, people.com adds. In a new video posted at funnyordie.com, she parodies the ubiquitous ads for the dating service eHarmony.

"Hi, My name is Lindsay, and I'm looking for love. I'm recently single ... I think," she says, referring to her recent split with Samantha Ronson. "I'm looking for someone I can spend the rest of my life with ... or at least the rest of my probation."

Lohan also refer-

ences her DUI arrests by referring to herself as "a workaholic, a shopaholic, and, according to the state of California, an alcoholic."

In the video, she asks potential suitors if they can handle a "red-head with a little bit of sass, and by that I mean a red-head that's crazy," before rolling her eyes and saying, "Don't pretend like you don't know me. We've all read about it."

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Suri heading to Scientology school?

PEOPLE The Daily

Mail is reporting that Suri Cruise is getting ready to start Scientology school soon after her upcoming third birthday, and will be attending the New Village Academy in Los Angeles, founded by Will Smith.

"(Mom) Katie (Holmes) is understandably a little anxious about being separated from Suri," a source tells the paper. But according to the school, she doesn't have to worry. "It's not accurate information," a rep tells radaronline.com. "Students start at age four and above."

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Madge goes to the press

ADOPTION Madonna has launched a charm offensive as she steps up her bid to adopt a three-year-old orphan from Malawi, ananova.com reports.

It includes a black and white photo of herself cradling Mercy James in her arms, which she has sent to media outlets throughout the world. The move comes after a judge ruled the pop superstar was not eligible to adopt

the girl because she did not meet Malawi's requirement of being a "resident."

Madonna has also given an interview to one of the country's leading newspapers, saying she was still hoping to adopt the

youngster.

She said she wanted to educate her and give her the chance to help the people of Malawi — just as she's done for David Banda, the Malawian boy she adopted in 2006.

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Jim packs on the pounds

CAREER No joke: Jim Carrey is packing on the pounds to play Curly in the upcoming movie version of The Three Stooges, usmagazine.com reports.

Girlfriend Jenny McCarthy said on the Ellen DeGeneres

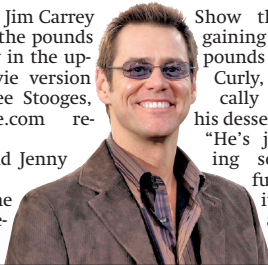
Show that he's gaining 50 pounds to play Curly, by "basically enjoying his desserts."

"He's just having so much fun with it," she adds. "I have no

idea what it's going to be like when he hits near 300 pounds. But, you know, he's in his comedy. He works hard at it."

Last month, Variety reported that Sean Penn will play Larry and that negotiations were underway with Benicio Del Toro to play Moe.

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Zac's bribery

PEOPLE Zac Efron

uses posters of himself as bribes, female-first.co.uk reports. The 17-year-old actor always keeps memorabilia of his films in the trunk of his car to help him get out of difficult situations.

"I've kind of got it figured out. I just pull in to the lot at the movie studio and photographers can't follow me," he said.

"The first time I did it, they weren't going to let

me in. The guy at the gate was like, 'What are you going to do for me?' I said, 'What do you want me to do?' He's like, 'I got kids.' And I was like, 'Well, I got a poster in the trunk.'"

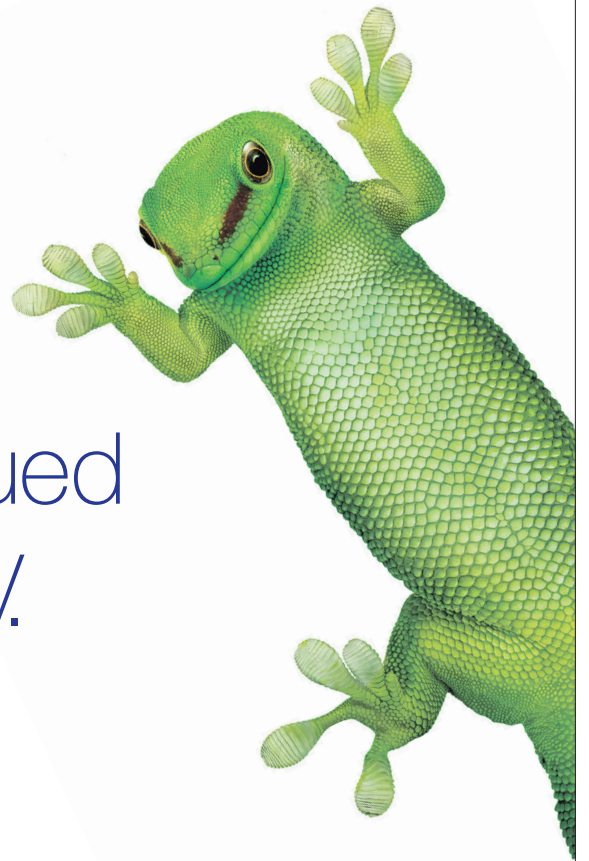
Efron also added he hates to keep paraphernalia from his most successful film venture High School Musical in his house, instead filling his garage and parents' home with merchandise.

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